

CATTLE AND CALVES

Although most land in Illinois is utilized for the production of grain, cattle herds of various sizes are scattered throughout the state. The largest concentration of cattle is in the northern portion of the state, where rolling pastureland is more suitable for cattle production.

During 1999, there were 26,000 cattle operations in Illinois, unchanged since 1997. On January 1, 2000, the all cattle inventory totaled 1.51 million head, equaling the beginning inventory for 1999, with a value of \$1.04 billion. The number of cattle and calves marketed during 1999 totaled 694,000 head. This was a decrease of three percent from the 1998 level of 713,000 head marketed. The 1999 calf crop increased from 1998 to 550,000 born.

The number of beef cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2000 totaled 480,000, up three percent from the previous year. Operations with beef cows during 1999 totaled 17,700, unchanged from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2000 was 120,000, down four percent from a year earlier. There were 2,200 operations with milk cows in 1999.

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Year	All cattle			Number on feed	Cows and heifers that have calved	
	Number	Value			For milk	For beef
		Per head	Total			
	Thousand head	Dollars	Thousand dollars		Thousand head	
1991	1,750	655	1,146,250	370	171	499
1992	1,750	625	1,093,750	340	170	500
1993	1,780	645	1,148,100	330	168	512
1994	1,740	645	1,122,300	330	160	510
1995	1,650	610	1,006,500	280	155	475
1996	1,590	525	834,750	290	145	445
1997	1,550	570	883,500	265	135	445
1998	1,510	610	921,100	250	130	440
1999	1,510	600	906,000	240	125	465
2000	1,510	690	1,041,900	230	120	480

Year	Heifers 500 lbs. and over			Steers 500 lbs. and over	Bulls 500 lbs. and over	Heifer, steer, and bull calves under 500 lbs.	Calves born
	For milk replacements	For beef replacements	Other				
	Thousand head						
1991	61	61	271	305	32	350	620
1992	68	63	240	345	32	332	600
1993	70	68	260	355	32	315	600
1994	75	60	265	335	30	305	560
1995	75	60	245	320	30	290	530
1996	75	65	240	305	30	285	520
1997	65	65	225	300	30	285	520
1998	65	60	210	300	30	275	540
1999	60	55	210	305	30	260	550
2000	60	55	200	295	30	270	1/

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